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### Office Action Summary

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 20-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-17, 20, 22-25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This action is responsive to communications: Amendment filed 14 Feb. 2008.

Claims 1-17 and 20-25 are pending in this case. Claims 1, 2, 10 and 21 are independent claims.

### ***Applicant's Response***

In Applicant's Response dated 14 Feb. 2008, Applicant amended claims 2-4, 10-12, 15, 20 and 21; cancelled claims 18 and 19; added new claim 24 and 25. Applicant argued against all rejections previously set forth in the Office Action dated 14 Nov. 2007.

### ***Claim Objections***

**Claims 12 and 15** objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only and further cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n).

**Claims 2, 10, 21 and 24**, along with their respective dependent claims, contains allowable subject matter. However the Examiner objects to the previously amended claim language. The independent claims and dependent claim 24 should be rewritten in order for the claims to read more clearly. The Examiner suggests the following claim amendments:

*In the claims:*

2. (Currently Amended) A method for previewing documents on a computer system comprising the steps of:

displaying a main document which contains a first hyperlink;

~~and in response to an indication of the first hyperlink being received by the computer system,~~ displaying a first preview document, which is referred to by said first hyperlink, in response to an indication of said first hyperlink, which first preview document being that referred to by the first hyperlink whilst retaining ~~[[a]]~~ said display of the main document, ~~so that the document referred to by the first hyperlink may be, previewed, wherein the first preview document contains a second hyperlink~~

wherein said first preview document contains a second hyperlink;

~~in response to an indication of the second hyperlink being received by the computer system,~~ displaying a second preview document ~~which second preview document being that~~ , which is referred to by ~~[[the]]~~ said second hyperlink, in response to an indication of said second hyperlink whilst retaining ~~[[the]]~~ said display of ~~[[the]]~~ said first preview document and said display of said main document ~~so that the document referred to by the second hyperlink may be previewed~~

wherein indicating each hyperlink ~~is indicated~~ to the computer system by positioning a pointer over the hyperlink;

wherein each preview document is opened in a corresponding preview window,

wherein when each preview document is opened, the pointer automatically moves to within the newly opened preview window,

wherein ~~[[the]]~~ said first preview document window remains open as long as the pointer remains in ~~the window corresponding to the~~ said second preview document window or ~~[[the]]~~ a window corresponding to a subsequent preview document derived via a subsequent hyperlink in ~~[[the]]~~ said second preview document,

wherein when the pointer is moved from the second preview document .window to the first preview document window, the second preview document window closes,

wherein when the pointer is moved to a region not in ~~[[the]]~~ said first preview document window or ~~[[the]]~~ said second preview document window, or a window corresponding to a subsequent preview document derived via a subsequent hyperlink in said second preview document, both the first and second preview document windows close.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for displaying preview text and spreadsheet documents referred to by a link in a main document, the system comprising:

~~a local network;~~

a local network containing one or more document stores; ~~connected with the local network to store text and spreadsheet documents;~~

wherein said one or more document stores contains text and spreadsheet ~~document~~ documents;

a plurality of ~~work stations~~ workstations connected ~~[[with]]~~ to the local network,

wherein each workstation being operable to store text and spreadsheet documents in said one or more document stores;

wherein each workstation being operable to access stored text and spreadsheet documents stored within said one or more document stores, in response to a link referred to said text or said spreadsheet document being indicated in a main text or spreadsheet document currently displayed on the workstation;

wherein each workstation being operable to display a preview of said text or said spreadsheet document referred to by a link indicated in the main text or spreadsheet document in whilst displaying the main text or spreadsheet document.

~~each workstation being operable to co-operate with the access one or more document stores using the local network to store text and spreadsheet documents and to access stored text and spreadsheet documents and, in response to a link in a main text or spreadsheet document currently displayed on the workstation being indicated to the workstation, to display a preview of a text or spreadsheet or document indicated by the link in the main text or spreadsheet document in addition to displaying the main text or spreadsheet document;~~

wherein the link referring to said text or spreadsheet document is indicated to the workstation by positioning a pointer over the link.

wherein when each preview document is opened, the pointer automatically moves to within the newly opened preview window.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of browsing internet websites comprising:

(a) in response to placing a pointer over a URL reference or symbol of a current web page, displaying a ~~first~~ pop-up preview-window also having a URL reference or symbol;

(b) in response to placing the pointer over the URL reference or symbol of ~~[[the]]~~ said pop-up preview-window, displaying a child pop-up preview-window, whilst retaining display of said current web page;

(c) repeating step (b) to generate a plurality of child preview windows;  
and

wherein when a new preview window is displayed, the pointer is automatically repositioned within the new preview window.

24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21 wherein step (c) further includes:

after displaying the child pop-up preview window, placing the pointer over a URL reference or symbol in the child preview window to generate a second generation child preview window, the pointer being automatically repositioned within the second generation preview window;

placing the pointer over a URL reference or symbol in the second generation child preview window to generate a third generation child preview window, wherein the pointer being automatically repositioned within the third generation preview window, whilst the first preview window, the child preview window, the second generation child

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preview window and the third generation child preview window all continuing to be at least partially displayed ~~such that a sequence of preview windows are concurrently displayed.~~

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

**Claim 21** recites the limitation "(b) *in response to placing the pointer over the URL reference or symbol of the pop-up preview-window, displaying a child pop-up preview-window* " in lines 5-6, whereas line 2 recites "(a)..... a first pop-up preview window.....". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.



**Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Petropoulos et al. (Patent No.: US 7,047,502 B2; Filing Date: September 24, 2001) (hereinafter "Petropoulos").**

**In regards to independent claim 1**, Petropoulos disclose *a method for previewing documents on a computer system comprising the steps of:*

*displaying a main document which contains a first hyperlink (col. 3, lines 32-51;*

Petropoulos discloses a search-result page/document containing a first hyperlink.).

*in response to an indication of the first hyperlink being received by the computer system, displaying a first preview document which document being that referred to by the first hyperlink whilst retaining a display of the main document, so that the document referred to by the first hyperlink may be previewed (col. 3, line 63 – col. 4, line 44;*

Petropoulos discloses showing preview information when the mouse pointer navigates or passes (mouse-over) over a defined area. The define area includes but is not limited to hyperlinks.).

*wherein the first hyperlink is indicated to the computer system by positioning a pointer over the hyperlink (col. 3, line 63 – col. 4, line 44;* Petropoulos discloses showing preview information when the mouse pointer navigates or passes (mouse-over) over a defined area. The define area includes but is not limited to hyperlinks. Thus Petropoulos discloses the first hyperlink is indicated to the computer system by positioning a pointer over the hyperlink.).

*NOTE*

It is noted that any citations to specific, pages, columns, lines, or figures in the prior art references and any interpretation of the reference should not be considered to be limiting in any way. A reference is relevant for all it contains and may be relied upon for all that it would have reasonably suggested to one having ordinary skill in the art. See MPEP 2123.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments, see Remarks and Amendment, filed 14 Feb. 2008, with respect to the prior art rejection(s) of claim(s) 2-17, 20, 22-23 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the prior art rejection of claim(s) 2-17, 20-23 has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Petropoulos.

***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James J. Debrow whose telephone number is 571-272-5768. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached on 571-272-4137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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